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**REMARKS:**

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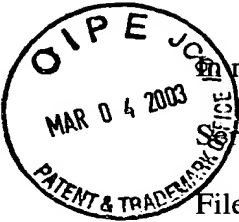
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**AFTER FINAL RESPONSE**  
**(37 C.F.R. 1.116)**  
**REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION**

Dear Sir:

This Request for Reconsideration is submitted in response to the Office Action which was mailed 11/26/2002, in connection with the above-identified application, and which set a three-month shortened statutory period of response, ending February 26, 2003.

**REMARKS**

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

**STATUS OF THE CLAIMS**

Claims 11-18 are pending.

Claims 11-18 stand rejected.

**RESPONSE TO ARGUMENTS**

As set forth in the previous remarks by Applicants, the differences between the claimed invention and Han include (1) a first telephone for selecting a group of telephones; (2) the first telephone initiating a voice message to the group of telephones using the half duplex voice channel in response to a user request; and (3) the group of telephones receive